

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2005

SENATE BILL

No. 661

Introduced by Senator Migden

February 22, 2005

An act to add and repeal Section 89241 of the Education Code, relating to public postsecondary education.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 661, as amended, Migden. Public postsecondary education: *California State University: pilot program for financial aid for student athletes.*

Existing law establishes the public postsecondary education system in California. Among the segments of public postsecondary education in the state is the California State University, which is administered by the Trustees of the California State University.

~~This bill would express the intent of the Legislature to enact legislation to require the California State University to offer 12-month scholarships instead of 9-month scholarships to its student athletes and to offer an additional 12-month scholarship to a student athlete who has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility but is within 20 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter units, of qualifying for graduation~~ *establish a pilot program to monitor student athlete academic progress that involves 6 campuses selected by the trustees and that commences in the 2006-07 academic year. The pilot program would include a maximum of 2 varsity sports teams per participating campus. Under the pilot program, a first-year student athlete meeting prescribed criteria, including receipt of a full or partial athletic scholarship, would receive a student financial aid package containing specified benefits, including coverage of the costs of enrollment of up to 4 summer sessions and coverage of the costs of*

enrollment after the student athlete has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility and is within a prescribed number of units of graduation.

The bill would require the trustees to track the academic progress of the student athletes participating in the pilot program, and to include prescribed data about these student athletes, along with any findings and recommendations of the trustees, in a report to the Legislature to be submitted on or before July 1, 2011.

The bill would require the trustees to fund the pilot program with a combination of general purpose revenues, alumni donations, and the proceeds of any campus fees that the students on a participating campus may authorize for the purposes of funding the pilot program.

The bill's provisions would be repealed on January 1, 2012.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
2 ~~legislation that will ensure the best academic standards for~~
3 ~~student athletes of the California State University by requiring~~
4 ~~the university to provide both of the following for its student~~
5 ~~athletes:~~

6 ~~(a) Offer 12-month scholarships instead of the current~~
7 ~~nine-month academic-year scholarship.~~

8 ~~(b) Offer an additional 12-month scholarship to a student~~
9 ~~athlete who has exhausted his or her athletic eligibility but is~~
10 ~~within 20 semester units, or the equivalent number of quarter~~
11 ~~units, of qualifying for graduation.~~

12 ~~SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that the~~
13 ~~graduation rates for student athletes are considerably lower than~~
14 ~~the general student population. It is the intent of the Legislature~~
15 ~~to establish the best academic standards for student athletes by~~
16 ~~providing a fair opportunity for them to earn their college~~
17 ~~degrees.~~

18 ~~SEC. 2. Section 89241 is added to the Education Code, to~~
19 ~~read:~~

20 ~~89241. (a) The trustees shall select six campuses to~~
21 ~~participate, commencing in the 2006–07 academic year, in the~~
22 ~~pilot program established by this section. The eligible members~~
23 ~~of a maximum of two varsity sports teams per participating~~

1 campus shall be involved in the pilot program. The Legislature
2 encourages the trustees to select, for each participating campus,
3 the varsity sports teams with the lowest graduation rates, but
4 leaves the organization of the pilot program established by this
5 section to the discretion of the trustees.

6 (b) In order to be eligible for participation in the pilot
7 program established by this section, a student athlete who is a
8 member of a varsity sports team selected pursuant to subdivision
9 (a) shall meet all of the following criteria:

10 (1) He or she shall agree to participate in the pilot program
11 for a four-year period or until he or she graduates from, or
12 otherwise ceases to be enrolled at, that campus or ceases to be a
13 member of the participating varsity sports team, whichever
14 occurs first.

15 (2) He or she shall be a first-year student, commencing with
16 the 2006–07 academic year, and shall not have been enrolled at
17 another postsecondary educational institution prior to the
18 campus he or she currently attends.

19 (3) He or she shall be the recipient of a full or partial athletic
20 scholarship.

21 (c) A student athlete who meets all of the requirements set
22 forth in subdivision (b) shall receive, under the pilot program, a
23 student financial aid package that includes both of the following:

24 (1) Financial assistance that covers the actual costs of the
25 student's tuition, fees, and books for the fall and spring
26 semesters, or for the fall, winter, and spring quarters, as
27 appropriate, and that also includes the costs of up to 12 units per
28 summer session for a maximum of four summer sessions.

29 (2) Additional financial assistance for a participating student
30 athlete for a maximum of one semester, or two quarters, if that
31 student athlete is within 15 semester units or 16 quarter units of
32 graduation after the student athlete's four-year period of athletic
33 eligibility has ended.

34 (d) (1) The trustees shall track the academic progress of the
35 student athletes who participate in the pilot program
36 commencing with the 2006–07 academic year. The trustees shall
37 monitor the number of courses taken and the grade-point
38 averages of the participating student athletes, as well as whether
39 and when these students graduate. The university shall compare
40 the graduation rates of the participating varsity sports teams

1 *before and after the commencement of the pilot program. The*
2 *trustees shall conduct a survey of the students, coaches, and*
3 *athletic administrators who are involved in the pilot program.*

4 *(2) The trustees shall compile the data required by paragraph*
5 *(1), and submit the data, on or before July 1, 2011, along with*
6 *any findings and recommendations that they make with respect to*
7 *the pilot program, as part of a report to the Legislature.*

8 *(e) The trustees shall fund the pilot program established by*
9 *this section with a combination of general purpose revenues,*
10 *alumni donations, and the proceeds of any campus fees that the*
11 *students on a participating campus may authorize for the*
12 *purposes of funding the pilot program.*

13 *(f) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,*
14 *2012, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted*
15 *statute, that is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends*
16 *that date.*